think that it should be read either as debility or any kind of liability or minus mark.

SHRI RK. MAHESHWARI: Madam, the idea of getting money from hawala itself shows that the money is not coming through proper channels, and not going out through proper channels. So, in case it is made fully convertible, we may stop this. Other countries have done it. Why are we not even thinking of it?

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: I think, it should not be related to the hawala which is altogether a different thing. Hawala will be indulged in, if you have criminally intended mind, as in narcotics smuggling, narcotics trade; hawala will be engaged in or trade indulged in, if it is terrorist-related; and the third is, where there is a deficiency of banking facilities. For example, I admitted to Mr. Rahman Khan a little bit earlier that if somebody wishes to remit money, say from the Gulf, and if his village directly doesn't have a facility to receive that money, then, naturally, he might indulge in that. We are trying to correct it; we are extending this facility to new areas. But to put all this on the head of hawala is, in fact, unjustifiable. As I shared with Mr. Sanjay Nirupam, a little earlier, our intelligence informs us that, in fact, the premium on hawala is almost nonexistent and people are not seeking this.

SHRI MURLI DEORA: Madam, the rupee convertibility into capital account.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN:The Question Hour....*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI MURLI DEORA: I would like to know whether that would help the country to raise more and more FDI investments.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question hour is over.

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## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

### Tax Amnesty Schemes for raising funds for infrastructure sector

186. SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a new tax amnesty scheme to raise long term funds in the infrastructure sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) No. Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

**Involvement of NGOs in rain water harnessing in Karnataka**

*187. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has sought the involvement of Non-Government and Voluntary Organisations for harnessing rain water;

(b) if so, the number of Non-Government and voluntary organizations proposed to be involved for the purpose;

(c) whether there is any provision in the Central Scheme for recharge of ground water for the involvement of NG and volut'-ary organizations; and

(d) if so, whether Government have given permission to Karnataka Government to involve them in harnessing rain water?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCE (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a)

**Loss due to sharing of Ravi waters to Pakistan**

†*188. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Water of Ravi river has been flowing incessantly to Pakistan even after 50 years of Independence;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the book "Troubled water of Punjab" by Vijai Pal Singh in which it has been explained about the rivers of Punjab and highlighted as to how India is losing to Pakistan on sharing river water; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.